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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Niichi ITOH

Serial No.: 09/891,356

Filed: June 27, 2001

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, DESIGNING METHOD AND DESIGNING DEVICE
THEREOF



Group Art Unit: 2827

Examiner: L.C. Thai

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

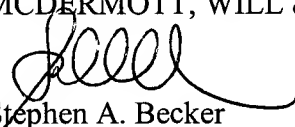
Sir:

Noting the Office Action of September 4, 2002 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant(s) hereby elect Group I (claims 1-2 and 5) for prosecution in the above-identified application. Rejoinder of the non-elected method claims upon allowance of counterpart elected claims is requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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